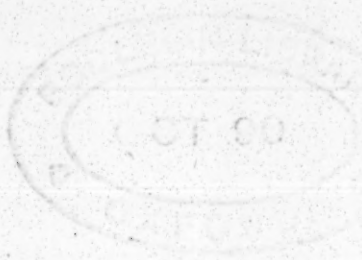


SHORT
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TO THE
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Grammatical Introduction,
&c.

Of Grammar.

GRAMMAR is the science of speaking, reading and writing correctly; and consists of these principal parts, viz. Orthography, Etymology, and Syntax.

Of Orthography.

ORTHOGRAPHY is the science of letters, by which we are taught their characters, powers, or sounds; and how to divide, and join them into syllables, words and sentences.

Of the Word Alphabet.

ALPHABET signifies the letters of a language placed together in their due order.

Of Letters.

A LETTER is a significant note, or character, of which syllables are compounded. There are in the English Alphabet twenty-six, which are called by the names of vowels and consonants.

Of Vowels.

A VOWEL is a letter which hath a full and perfect sound of itself, without the help of any other letter joined to it, and the use of a vowel is also to form proper words; for, there can be no word whatever without a vowel.

There are fix vowels as follows, A E I O U and Y. The letter Y is both a vowel and a consonant; it is a vowel in all words, except in such words or syllables as begin with Y, then in that case the letter Y becomes a consonant.

A

A Vowel has two sounds in general, a short sound, and a long sound, viz. the letter (*a*) short in *lad*, and long in *lade*; the letter (*e*) short in *met*, and long in *mete*; the letter (*i*) short in *pin*, and long in *pine*; the letter (*o*) short in *rob*, and long in *robe*; and the letter (*u*) short in *tun*, and long in *tune*.

The vowel (*e*) final, is that which being at the end of words serves only to lengthen the sound of the last syllable, but it never adds to the number of syllables in words.

Of Consonants.

There are twenty-one *Consonants*, as follows, B C D F G H J K L M N P Q R S T V W X Y Z.

A CONSONANT is a letter that cannot be sounded without adding a vowel before, or after it. Example, the letter *M* is sounded *em*; *D* is *dee*; the letter *V* is sounded *vee*, &c.

There are four consonants, which are a kind of half vowels, namely, L
M

MN R, which are called liquids, from their soft pronunciation.

Of Diphthongs.

A **DIPHTHONG** is the meeting of two vowels in one word.

There are two sorts of *Diphthongs*, viz. proper diphthongs, and improper diphthongs.

Proper Diphthongs are those that have both vowels fully sounded, as, *ai* in *bait*, *ei* in *rein*, *oo* in *good*, *ou* in *bound*, &c.

Improper Diphthongs are such words in which but one of the vowels is sounded; example, *a* in *bread*, *dead*, *o* in *feoffe*, *people*; *u* in *built*, *guilt*, are not sounded.

There are many more diphthongs, which with their other sounds, are expressed in the following list.

ai		praise	au		author	ay		say
ea		heaven	ee		fee	ei		eight
eo	in	people	oa	in	broad	ev	in	eye
ie		chief	ou		foul	oy		boy
oo		flood	ui		guide	oi		oil, &c.

TRIPTHONGS.

TRIPTHONGS are such words or syllables as have three vowels following each other, *eau* in *beauty*; *ieu* in *lieu*, *adieu*; the two first of which lose their sound; for most of our triphthongs being derived from the French, they retain their original sounds.

Of the sounds of some particular Consonants.

The Letter *C* has two sounds. It is always hard, like the Letter *K*, before the vowels *a*, *o* and *u*, before all consonants, and also at the end of words; as in *call*, *cut*, *coal*, *can*, *cope*, *traffic*, *music*, *public*, &c. but it sounds soft like *S*, before *e*, *i* and *y*; as in *cit*, *cellar*, *cinder*, *cedar*; which are pronounced *fit*, *fellar*, *finder*, *sedar*.

The letters *Ch*, have a hard sound, like *K* in *achan*, *baruch*, *enoch*; soft in *arch*, *march*, *church*.

Ch are sounded like *tsh*; in *rich*, *much*, &c.

Ch are sounded like *sh*, in French derivatives; as in *champaign*, *chevalier*, *campuchin*;

puchin; which are pronounced *sham-paign*, *shevalier*, *capushin*, &c.

Ch are sometimes sounded like *qu*; as in *choir* and *chorister*; which are pronounced *quire* and *querister*.

Of the Letter G.

The letter *G* has two sounds. *G* is hard before *a*, *o* and *u*, before all consonants, and at the end of words; as in *glad*, *gat*, *goat*, *gut*, and *jug*.

G is generally soft before *e*, *i* and *y*; as in *gem*, *gill*, *clergy*, but *G* is hard before *e* and *i* in all proper names, as in *Gilbert*, *Gilboa*, and in many other English words, as in *geese*, *girl*, *give*, *gid-dy*, *dagger*, *anger*, &c.

Gh is often sounded like *G* only as in *ghost*, *gherkins*, *ghostly*.

Gh are often sounded like *ff*, as in *cough*, *laugh*, *tough*, *enough*, when placed at the end of words only, but in other words *gh* is mute, as in *high*, *figh*, *neigh*, *weigh*, &c.

G are not sounded in the words *gnash*, *gnat*, *gnaw*, which are pronounced *nash*,

nat, *naw*; nor in *seraglio*, *bagnio*, which are pronounced *seralio*, *banio*.

Words ending in *gn*, sound like *ne*; as in *sign*, *resign*, *design*, *condign*, which are pronounced *sine*, *resine*, *define*, *condine*.

Of the Consonants Ph.

Ph in general sound like *f*; as in *phantom*, *pharoah*, *pheasant*; which are pronounced *fantom*, *faroah*, *feasant*.

Ph are mute in the words *phthisic*, *phthisical*; being pronounced *tisic*, *tisical*.

Of the Consonants.

S has two sounds, a sharp sound and a flat sound; sharp in the words *this* and *thus*, and flat in the words *these* and *those*.

The flat sound prevails in the end of all words which are made plural by the addition of the letter *s*, as in *pins*, *boxes*, &c.

S sounds in many words like the letter

letter *z*; as in *drowsy*, *miser*, *wiser*, &c. and in some words it is mute; as in *isle*, *Lisle*, *Carlisle*, *viscount*; which are pronounced *ile*, *Lile*, *Carlile*, *vicount*.

Of *Sc*.

When *sc* comes before *e* or *i*, one of them loses its sound, as in the words *scene*, *scent*, *sceptre*, *science*; which are pronounced *cene*, *cent*, *ceptre*, *cience*.

But before *a*, *o* and *u*, the *c* sounds like *k* as in *scalp*, *scold*, *skull*; which are pronounced *skalp*, *skold*, *skull*.

Of *Sch*.

Sch sound like *sc*, or *sk*; as in *school*, *scholar*, and in some words, both *c* and *h* are mute, as in *schedule*, *schism*, *schismatical*; which are pronounced *sedule*, *fism*, *fismatical*.

Of *Ci*, *Sci*, and *Ti*.

Ci, *sci*, and *ti*, all sound like *shi*, before the vowels *e* and *o*; example, *vi-
cious*,

cious, tenacious; which are pronounced
visshious, tenashshious.

Conscience, conscious; which are pronounced
conshience, conshious.

Motion, oration; which are pronounced
mofshion, orashshion.

Also, *ti* and *ci* sound like *shi* before the
vowel *a*; as in *partial, special*; which
are pronounced *parshshial, spesshial*.

Of *Xi*.

Xi are sounded like *ks*, and sometimes
like *shi*, thus; *anxiety, anxious*; which
are pronounced *ankshshiety, ankshshious*.

Of the Letters *I* and *J*.

They differ as much as any two letters can, and have no relation to each other; the same is to be observed of the letters *U* and *V*, for the better explaining the sounds of these letters when you want to pronounce the letter *j*, you must pronounce it *ja*, and the letter *v*, must be pronounced *vee*; which sounds have no affinity with those of *I* or *U*.

Of

Of Syllables.

A Syllable is a compleat sound uttered in one breath, and may consist either of one vowel, or double vowel; or one vowel, or double vowel joined to one or more consonants, as, *A-bel*, *E-le-ment*, *I-vo-ry*, *U-ni-on*, &c. and these syllables joined together with others, make those words, by which we are able to converse and correspond with each other.

N. B. But in order to arrive at the true knowledge and use of this part of grammar, we must learn how to divide or spell those syllables that compose a word, and how to give each syllable its due accent.

Of Words.

Words are articulate sounds, and are used to express our ideas or notions of things, and to communicate our thoughts or intentions to each other.

All

All words of one syllable, are called *Monosyllables*.

All words of two syllables, are called *Diffyllables*.

All words of three syllables, are called *Trissyllables*.

All words of more than three syllables, are called *Polyssyllables*.

There may be eight letters in one syllable, but no more, as in the word *strength*.

Of the Number of Syllables in one Word.

There may be from one to eight syllables in one word, but never more; as in the word *in-com-pre-hen-si-bi-li-ty*.

N. B. As many *vowels*, or double *vowels*, as are distinctly founded in a word, so many syllables there are in that word.

When two *consonants* of the same kind
come

come together in the middle of a word, they must always be divided; as in *kit-tle, mid-dle, bor-rov, can-not, &c.*

When two *vowels* come together, and are not diphthongs, they then make two distinct sounds, and must therefore be parted, and make two syllables; as in *go-ing, cre-a-ti-on, du-el, fu-el, &c.*

Of Compound Words.

Compound Words are made of two, three, or more syllables; as *grand-fa-ther, man-kind, hus-band*; or of a primitive or original word, with the syllables, *ad, en, in, un, sub, per, de, pre, dis, re, trans, &c.* which are called Prepositions, going before, as *adorn, encamp, indure, unrelenting, subscribe, perform, degrade, prefer, disregard, regain, and trans-pose.*

Of Derivative Words.

Derivative Words are such words as are taken or derived from an original

ginal word, in our own, or some other language, with the syllables, *ed*, *ing*, *eth*, *est*, *ish*, &c. which are called terminations added to its end; example, *reported*, *laughing*, *loveth*, *smallest*, *foolish*, &c.

Of Sentences.

A Sentence is the joining of words together, according to due order, in which each word is to have its proper emphasis and stops; which will relieve the voice, improve the pronunciation, and divide the parts.

Of Accents.

An Accent shews the right pronunciation of a word, when it has been properly spelt, or the syllables put together in due order; for every syllable must be sounded according to its quantity, or number of letters it consists of, and every word of divers syllables requires a proper accent, strength or force of
sound

found before it can be properly understood in speaking; because, by the help of this mark, we are taught to raise and fall our voice, on a syllable or word, according to the quantity thereof.

Of the Emphasis.

To place an Emphasis on any word or syllable, is only to pronounce it with more strength of voice than any of the rest.

Of Points or Stops, and other Characters, made Use of in Writing and Reading.

There are six Points or Stops used in writing and reading; viz.

A Comma,	(,)	A Note of
A Semicolon,	(;)	Interrogation, (?)
A Colon,	(:)	A Note of
A Period, or	(.)	Admiration, (!)
full Stop,	(.)	

A COMMA (,) is the shortest of all stops, and serves to divide short sentences; as, *the Lord is good, and abundantly merciful.*

A SEMICOLON (;) serves to part sentences, and is often used when sentences are contrary, or point to a different end; as, *children should not be idle at school; and parents should make their children obedient at home.*

A COLON (:) parts several sentences, every one of which has a full meaning of its own, though at the same time, it leaves us in expectation of something that is to follow; as *men should avoid speaking rashly: for such as are guilty of so doing often offend.*

A PERIOD (.) is a full stop, and shews the perfect end, and conclusion of a sentence: as, *Evil communication corrupts good manners.*

A Note of Interrogation (?) is always set at the end of any question that is asked; as, *why do you tremble? are you not well?*

A Note of Admiration (!) is plac'd after such words or expressions, as are wonderful, surprizing, or transporting; as, *Oh! what a beautiful garden this is!*

You are to stop or pause at a *Comma*, till you can tell *one*; at a *Semicolon*, till you can tell *one, two*; at a *Colon*, till you can tell *one, two, three*; at a *Period*, a note of *Interrogation*, and a note of *Admiration*, till you can tell, *one, two, three, four*.

Of the Names of other Notes or Marks, and their Use.

Apostrophe,	[']	Hyphen,	[-]
or Comma,	[,]	Index,	[↗]
Asterisk,	[*]	Obelisk,	[†]
Caret,	[^]	Paragraph,	[¶]
Quotation,	["]	Parenthesis,	[()]
Crotchets,	[{ }]	Section,	[§]
Ellipsis,	[—]	Brace,	[}

The use of an Apostrophe is when
the

the letter (*e*) is omitted : thus, sav'd, judg'd, signifies, saved, judged, only the words are pronounced with one syllable less. An Apostrophe also placed before an (*s*) at the end of a word, serves to express a sentence much shorter and better : thus, Solomon's wisdom, is the same as the wisdom of Solomon ; so that you see it supplies the place of the word *the*, and the word *of* : thus, St. Mary's parish signifies *the* parish *of* St. Mary.

An Asterisk (*) is used to refer you to some note in the margin of a book, when there are several of them together ; thus (***) they denote that something is left out, that the author does not chuse to insert at full length.

A Caret (^) is placed underneath a line when a word, or letter is left out and points to the place where it ought to come in.

A Quotation ("") is a thing or subj et borrowed from another author,

and quoted word for word ; and then the author that borrows it, puts, or should put, two inverted Commas at the beginning, and at the end of the quotation, to let the reader know, it is not his own, but borrowed.

Crotchets [] like a Parenthesis serve only to explain a word, or thing more fully.

An Ellipsis (—) is used when only part of a verse or sentence is quoted.

A Hyphen (-) is used in compound words, in order to join or couple them together ; but when two names, or things, have a Hyphen between them they then become but one word. This mark is always used in such words as are written partly in one line and partly in another ; the word in this case is to be divided according to the most approved rules for the division of syllables.

An Index or hand, thus (☞) points to some remarkable thing, or passage, in an author.

An

An Obelisk or Dagger, (†) is often used in large books, and in many quotations; and refers you to the margin of the book, for further instruction; or it is often used against some obsolete word or sentence.

A Paragraph (§) is set at the beginning of every new subject, and no other Paragraph is made till the sense of the first is fully treated of. You will find this mark in almost every chapter of the old and new Testament.

A Parenthesis () serves to explain, or give a fuller sense and meaning to any thing, and yet so that the sentence itself will always read full as well, and sometimes better without it; and therefore the words included in it, should be read with a lower tone of voice: as thus, I know that in me (*that is in my flesh*) dwells no good thing. Or it serves to affirm more positively: thus, The word of God says (*and I know it is true*) that the wicked shall perish for ever. Or it is used in exceptions;

as

as thus, I give all I have (*except my watch*) to my brother.

The use of this mark, should be avoided, as much as possible.

A Section (§) is often set at the head, or beginning of some other subject, or new discourse; it is also used in long writings, where the author gives many instances of a thing, and refers you to the proof of it in the margin of the book, the same as the Asterisk or Obelisk.

A Brace () serves to bind, link, or brace several things together. It is often used in poetry, to tie or link three lines together, that rhyme or jingle in the ear.

*Observations when and where to make
Use of Capital Letters.*

In the first word of any writings, letters or bills; the first personal pronoun
I,

I, the Interjection O, the first word taken from an author, at the beginning of every title, all proper names of persons, or places, and the first word of every line or verse in poetry, &c.

Of Etymology.

Etymology is that part of grammar which teaches us the derivation of words, and how we are distinctly to know the several words which compose a sentence, or speech, in the English tongue; and is divided into ten parts of speech, which are called by the following names.

Article.	Verb.	Prepositi-
Noun Sub-	Participle.	on.
stantive.	Adverb.	Interjecti-
Noun Ad-	Conjuncti-	on.
jective.	on.	
Pronoun.		

Parts of speech are the proper divisions, into which a tongue or language is divided.

Of

Of Articles.

There are three different *Articles*. The *Indefinite Article* (*A*, or *An*) the *Definite Article* (*The*) and the *Partitive Article* (*Some*).

An Article is a small word placed before a Noun, in order to express more fully the nature and signification of it, as, *A Man*, *A Horse*, *The Tree*, *The Book*, *Some Money*, or *Some Pens*, &c.

Of the Indefinite Article.

The *Indefinite Article* (*A*) serves to point out some single person or thing, as, *a House*, *a Girl*; it is called indefinite because it does not determine what particular House, or Girl, is meant; also (*a*) *Child*, signifies any Child whatsoever; this Article is placed before substantives of the singular number only, and beginning with consonants; as, *a Glove*, *a Book*.

The Article (*an*) is used before substantives, beginning with a vowel; as, *an apron*, *an oyster*; or *h* mute; as, *an hour*, *an herb*.
Of

Of the Definite Article.

The *Definite Article* (*The*) determines and shews what particular person or thing is meant; as, *the house, the girl*, signifies some particular house, and girl, I am then or had been speaking of. This Article, by some Authors, is justly called a demonstrative Article.

The *Definite Article* (*The*) is set before substantives, both of the singular and plural numbers, because we can speak determinately, as well of many as of one particular person, or thing; example, *the child, the children; the book, the books, &c.*

N. B. There is this difference between the Articles: the *Indefinite Article* (*a*) or (*an*) signifies one thing, or any one thing, as thus; *give me a book, or an apple*, means, give me one book or any book, or apple; but when we make use of the *Definite Article* (*The*) we then say, give me *the book, or the apple*, which means, that very book or apple that I point to, or am then, or had been speaking of.

There are many substantives which require no Article; example, proper names, as *John, William, Mary, London, Southampton, Bristol, &c.*

The *Partitive Article* is that which expresses a part or portion of any whole substance or thing, as *some bread, some meat, and some wine.*

Of Nouns.

A *Noun* is the name of a thing itself; that is, every thing that can be seen, felt, or conceived, is a noun.

There are two *Nouns*, viz. a *Noun Substantive*, and a *Noun Adjective*.

A *Noun Substantive* (as was said before) is the name of any substance, or thing, and will never admit of the word thing after it; as, *man, bird, beast, church, house, &c.*

There are two sorts of *Noun Substantives*: *Proper* and *Common*. The first serves to express proper names, places, &c. example; *Peter, John, Mary, London,*

dön, Bristol, &c. are *Substantives proper*, for John and Mary is not the name of every man and woman; nor is London the name of every city.

The second is the *Common* which expresses the name of every thing of the same sort, kind, or quality; example, *man, woman, spirit, city, water, &c.* for a man is called a man, be he small or great; a spirit is a spirit, whether good or bad; a city a city, be it small or large; and water is water, be it salt or fresh. Things also which are not seen, but which we have a conception of, are substantives; as, *sorrow, joy, love, fear, life, death, time, eternity, &c.*

Of Adjectives.

Nouns Adjective serve to express the nature, manner, and quality of Nouns Substantive; example, *good, bad, great, small, black, blue, red, &c.* are *Adjectives*, but they want some substantive to be joined to them, to make the sense compleat; example, *a good boy;*
a bad

a bad man, a great house, a small fish, a black coat, a red gown. Here you see good, bad, great, small, black, blue, red, are all Adjectives; and boy, man, house, fish, coat, and gown, are the Substantives.

To know how to distinguish a Substantive from an Adjective, observe the following rule.

Join a verb to the word in doubt; if it makes sense, that word must be a Substantive; but if on the contrary, the words when joined together do not make sense; then the word in doubt must be an adjective; example, if you join the verb *see* to a *horse*, it will make *I see a horse*; which sentence is sense; but if you join the verb *see* to a *swift*, it will read, *I see a swift*; which words alone make nonsense, for want of the word *horse*, or some other Substantive, to make the sense compleat; in this sentence it must be, *I see a swift horse*.

The *Definite Article* (*the*) sometimes accompanies Adjectives, and then they become

become substantives in sense and meaning, and are written with a capital letter; example, God will reward *the Righteous*, and punish *the Wicked*; which means, that God will reward the righteous men, and punish the wicked men; so that the words *Righteous* and *Wicked*, being in reality Adjectives, become Substantives, in sense and meaning.

Of the Comparison of Adjectives.

There are three degrees, viz. the Positive, the Comparative, and the Superlative.

The Positive Degree is simply the Adjective, expressing the quality without any increase or diminution; as, *good, strong, wise, short, &c.*

The Comparative Degree is known by being compared with the Positive, and is somewhat increased or diminished, and is formed by adding *r* or *er*; as *stronger, wiser, shorter*, and sometimes

Sometimes by the words *more*, *too*, *less*, *not so*; example, *more excellent*, *too hard*, *less pleasing*, *not so sweet*.

The Superlative Degree increases or diminishes to the utmost, and is formed by adding *st*, or *est*; as *strongest*, *weakest*, *shortest*, and sometimes by the words *most*, *best*, *least*, *vastly*; as, *most worthy*, *best natured*, *least of all*, *vastly superior*, &c.

Very is also a sign of the superlative degree; as when we say such a boy is *very good*.

Some Adjectives are formed irregularly, as follows:

<i>Positive.</i>	<i>Comparative.</i>	<i>Superlative.</i>
Good,	Better,	Best,
Bad,	Worse,	Worst,
Little,	Less,	Least,
Much,	More,	Most.

N. B. The word *more* is never used before the Comparative, when the Comparative

Comparative is formed by *er*; as, *more better*; nor the word *most*, before the Superlative when formed by *est*, as, *most best*; yet there are several exceptions to this rule in the Bible, where God is frequently styled, *the most highest*.

Of Genders.

There are three sorts of Genders, viz. the *Masculine*, the *Feminine*, and the *Neuter*.

Gender shews the distinction of noun substantives to be either Male, Female, or Neuter; and is known by these words, *he*, *she*, and *it*. *He* is the sign of the Male or Masculine Gender; as, *a king, a man, a son, a lion*.

She of the Female or Feminine Gender; as *a queen, a woman, a daughter, a lioness*; and *It* of the Neuter Gender, which is neither Male nor Female, and is chiefly applied to things without life; as, *a stick, a stone, a table, &c.*

Words of the Neuter Gender are
sometimes

sometimes made use of both in the Masculine and Feminine Gender ; example, we say of the sun, *he* is a glorious body, and we say, *it* shines. Also, of a ship, we say, *she* is a fine ship; at another time, *it* is a fine ship.

There are some Nouns common to both sexes or genders, which are called epicenes ; as, *a child, an ass, a fish, a mouse, &c.* for we say, *the child cries, the ass brays, the fish swims, the mouse runs*, without regard to sex or gender.

We sometimes use different words to express the different genders as follows.

Male.

Batchelor,
Boy,
Bridegroom,
Brother,
Bull,
Drake,
Father,
Friar,
Gander,

Female.

Maid,
Girl,
Bride,
Sister,
Cow,
Duck,
Mother,
Nun,
Goose.

And many more.

There

There are many Feminine Substantives which are formed by changing the termination of the Masculine into *ess*; example.

<i>Masculine.</i>		<i>Feminine.</i>
Abbot,	⚥	Abbess,
Actor,	⚥	Actress,
Ambassador,	⚥	Ambadress,
Baron,	⚥	Baroness,
Count,	⚥	Countess,
Duke,	⚥	Duchess,
Emperor,	⚥	Empress,
Governor,	⚥	Governess,
Jew,	⚥	Jewess,
Prince,	⚥	Princess,
Prophet,	⚥	Prophetess,
Shepherd,	⚥	Shepherdess,
Tutor,	⚥	Tutoress.

Some substantives Masculine change their termination into *ix*, to form the Feminine gender; as,

Administrator,	⚥	Administratrix,
Executor,	⚥	Executrix.

Of Numbers.

Nouns have two numbers *singular* and *plural*. The *singular* number speaks but of one thing or person; as, *a horse, a book, the master*. The *plural* speaks of more than one; as, *the horses, the books, the masters*. But proper names of cities, countries, towns, and individuals; as, *Yorkshire, England, London, George, John, &c.* have no plural number. The substantive singular in the English tongue is made plural generally, by the addition of *s* or *es*; as, *book, books; box, boxes*; or by changing *y* into *ies*; as, *country, countries*; also by changing *se* into *ves*; as, *wife, wives, knife, knives*. Some plurals end in *en*; example, *ox, child, brother*, which are in the plural number *oxen, children, brethren*. *Man* and *woman* make their plural number by changing the *a* into *e*; as, *men, women*. *Mouse, louse*, make the plural *mice, lice*. *Tooth and foot*, make the plural *teeth, feet*; and from *goose*, is formed the plural *geese*. *Sheep, deer, swine, &c.* are the same in both numbers.

We

We are used to observe that some nouns are used only in the singular or the plural number, according to the things which they express; as, *a flock, a mob, or a multitude*, in the singular number, being but *one flock, one mob, and one multitude*.

Some nouns have no singular number; example, *ashes, goods, snuffers, tongs, lungs, bowels, scissors, bellores, &c.* and some nouns have no plural; example, the names of *men, women, kingdoms, mountains, rivers, virtues, vices, metals*, and the names of most *herbs*.

Of Pronouns.

A Pronoun is a word used instead of a noun, to avoid the too frequent repetition of the same word; as, *John is merry, he laughs, he sings*; instead of saying *John is merry, John laughs, John sings*; we make use of the personal pronoun *he*.

Of the different Pronouns.

Of Personal Pronouns.

<i>Singular.</i>	<i>Plural.</i>
1 I	1 We
2 Thou	2 { Ye
3 { He	{ You
{ She	They
{ It	

Of Conjunctive Pronouns.

<i>Singular.</i>	<i>Plural.</i>
Me	Us
Thee	You
{ Him	Them
{ Her	
{ It	

Of Possessive Pronouns.

My
Thy
His
Her
Our
Your
Their

Of

Of Absolute Possessive Pronouns.

Mine
Thine
His
Hers
Ours
Yours
Theirs

Of Demonstrative Pronouns.

This
That
Those
These

Of Relative Pronouns.

Who
Whom
Whose
Which
What

There is this difference between the
personal pronoun and the *conjunctive pro-*

noun, that the personal pronoun often begins sentences, but never ends them; and the conjunctive never begins a sentence, but often ends it.

There is also this difference between the nouns *possessive*, *my*, *thy*, *his*, *her*, *our*, *your*, *their*; which shews, that some noun substantive must come after them; example, this is *my*, *thy*, *his*, *her*, *our*, *yours*, *their* book. But the *absolute possessive* noun, as *mine*, *thine*, *his*, *hers*, *ours*, *yours*, *theirs*, is used when the name of the substantive is left out, but understood; as if the question was asked, whose book is this? The answer, *it is mine*, means it is my book.

Of the Pronouns who, which, and what.

Who is used when we speak of persons only; *which* is used when we speak both of persons and things; *what* is mostly used in asking a question.

Some pronouns are substantives, and some are adjectives.

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The pronouns which assume the nature of nouns substantive when they stand by themselves in reason or signification, are called Personal Pronouns; as, *I, thou, he, she, it, we, ye, you, or they.*

The pronouns which have the nature of adjectives, and as such are joined to substantives, may be called pronominal adjectives and are as follows; *my, mine, thy, thine, his, her, hers, our, ours, your, yours, their, theirs, this, that, those, these, who, whom, whose, which, what.*

These *Pronominal Adjectives*, are divided into Demonstrative, Relative, and Possessive.

The *Demonstratives* are *this, that, those, these*, because they point out or demonstrate a thing particularly.

The *Relatives* are *who, whom, whose, which, what*, when they relate or belong to something gone before: but if they ask a question, as *who is there? whom do you seek? whose task is this? which*

book shall I read? what think you? then these Relatives are called Interrogatives.

The *Possessive Pronouns* and the *Absolute Possessive Pronouns* *my, mine, thy, thine, his, her, hers, our, ours, your, yours, their, theirs*, are so called because they signify something in possession.

Of Verbs.

A Verb is a part of speech that denotes being, doing, or suffering; as, *I live, I love, I am loved.*

Those words are *Verbs* before which you may (with good sense) place any personal pronoun, or the word *to*; as *I walk, he runs, we sing, they rejoice, &c.* Otherwise, *to walk, to sing, to rejoice.*

There are three Verbs, Active, Passive, and Neuter.

An Active Verb is a word that denotes an action, and in such a manner, that the person or thing it acts upon, follows the Verbs. Thus, *I love her, she loves me, we love them.*

A Passive Verb denotes suffering, or the impressions that persons or things receive; as, *John is beaten*; or *John is burned*, &c.

A Neuter Verb is sometimes active, and sometimes passive; as, *I run*, *I am sick*.

There is another called an *Impersonal Verb*, because it is used without any distinction of sex, or any of the personal pronouns, and it is governed or known by the word *it*; as *it rains*, *it hails*, *it snows*, *it is cold*, &c. And when we speak of a child, without considering whether it be a boy or a girl, we then say, *it cries*, *it sleeps*, &c.

There are two sorts of *Impersonal Verbs*, as follows; Active, as, *it snows*; and Passive, as, *it is affirmed*.

There are three things belonging to verbs, viz. *Person*, *Mood*, *Time*, or *Tense*.

Of

Of Moods.

There are four *Moods* or ways of declining of Verbs. The *Indicative*, the *Imperative*, the *Potential*, and the *Infinitive*.

The Indicative Mood affirms or asks a question; example, *I read*, or *do I read?*

The Imperative commands or permits; as, *go thou*, *let him come*, *let us eat*, &c.

The Potential expresses the action, as possible or impossible, and is formed and known by the help of the following words added to the verb, which are all signs of the Potential Mood.

May	}	signs	May not	}	signs
Can			Cannot		
Might			Might not		
Could			Could not		
Would			Would not		
Should			Should not		

The

The Infinitive Mood is the radical form of the Verb, it has neither number nor person, and is known by the sign or word *to* going before the verb; as, *to read, to write, to love.*

Of Tenses or Times.

Tense, in grammar, signifies the different time of an action. It is the Tense that shews the action or thing we are doing, the action or thing not quite done, the action or thing finished or done, and the action or thing to be done. But, strictly speaking, there are but three Times; for all things are comprehended in the time present, the time past, and the time to come.

A Tense has six Persons; three *singular*, and three *plural*.

Singular.

I
Thou
or { He
She

Plural.

We
or { Ye
You
They

There are five *Tenses* or *Times*; the *present*, the *imperfect*, the *perfect*, the *pluperfect* and *future*. The

The Present expresses the time that now is ; as, *I love, I write, I am writing.*

The Imperfect denotes the time not fully completed ; as, *I loved or was loving, or did love.*

The Perfect denotes the time fully past ; as, *I have loved.*

The Pluperfect denotes a time past before some other time that is also past ; example, *I had read an hour before my father came.*

The Future denotes the time to come ; as, *I shall or will love.*

These *Moods* and *Tenses* are partly formed by the verb itself, and partly by the assistance of the two auxiliary or helping verbs.

There are two *auxiliary* or helping verbs, to *have*, and to *be*.

These Verbs are so called, because they assist all other verbs ; for no other verb can be made generally useful, without the help of one or other of these verbs, and they are declined in the following manner. *The*

The Indicative Mood.

Of the helping verb *to have.*

Present.

	<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>
1	I have	1	We have
2	Thou hast	2 or	{ Ye
3 or	{ He	3	{ You have
	{ She has		{ They have

Imperfect.

	<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>
	I had		We had
	Thou hadst	or	{ Ye
or	{ He		{ You had
	{ She had		{ They had

Preterperfect.

	<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>
	I have		We have
	Thou hast	had or	{ Ye
or	{ He		{ You have
	{ She has		{ They have

Preterpluperfect.

Preterpluperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I had		We had	
Thou hadst		Ye	
or {	He	had or {	You had
	She had		They had

Future.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I shall		We shall	
Thou shalt		Ye	
or {	He shall	or {	You shall
	She shall		They shall

The Imperative Mood.

Singular.

Have, or have thou
 * Let him, her, or it have.

Plural.

Let us have
 Have or have ye, or you
 Let them have

* Let is commonly called a sign of the Imperative Mood. Example, Let him love; the meaning is, permit, or suffer him to love.

The Potential Mood.

Present.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I have or may		We may	
Thou mayest		Ye	
He	or	You may	
She may	have	They may	have

Imperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I should	would or might have	We should	would or might have
Thou shouldst		Ye, or	
He, or		You should	
She should		They should	

Preterperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I may		We may	
Thou mayest	have had	Ye, or	
He, or		You may	have had
She may		They may	

Preterpluperfect.

Preterpluperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I should	would could or might have had	We should	would could or might have had
Thou shouldst		Ye, or	
He, or		You should	
She should		They should	

Future.

<i>Singular</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I shall	or will have had	We shall	or will have had
Thou shalt		Ye, or	
He, or		You shall	
She shall		They shall	

The Infinitive Mood.

Present	to have
Preter	to have had

Participles.

Present	having	
Pret. Act.	having had	
Pret. Pass.	had.	
		The

The Auxiliary, or helping Verb *to be*.

The Indicative Mood.

Of the second helping Verb *to be*.

Present.

<i>Singular.</i>	<i>Plural.</i>
I am	We are
Thou art	Ye, or
He, or	You are
She is	They are

Imperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>	<i>Plural.</i>
I was	We were
Thou wast	Ye, or
He, or	You were
She was	They were

Preterperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I have		We have	
Thou hast	been	Ye, or	been
He, or		You have	
She has		They have	
	D	<i>Preterpluperfect.</i>	

Preterpluperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>
I had		We had
Thou hadst		Ye, or
He, or	been	You had
She had		They had

Future.

<i>Singular.</i>	<i>Plural.</i>
I shall or will be	We will be
Thou wilt be	Ye, or
He, or	You will be
She will be	They will be

The Imperative Mood.

Singular.

Be or be thou
Let him, her, or it be.

Plural.

Let us be
Be, or be ye, or you
Let them be.

The

The Potential Mood.

Present.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I be or may		We may	
Thou mayest	g	Ye, or	be
He, or		You may	
She may		They may	

Imperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I should	would could or might be	We should	would could or might be
Thou shouldst		Ye, or	
He, or		You should	
She should		They should	

Preterperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I may		We may	
Thou mayest	have been	Ye, or	have been
He, or		You may	
She may		They may	

Preterpluperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I should	would could or might have been	We should	would could or might have been
Thou shouldst		Ye, or	
He, or		You should	
She should		They should	

Future.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I shall	or will have been	We shall	or will have been
Thou shalt		Ye, or	
He, or		You shall	
She shall		They shall	

The Infinitive Mood.

Present	to be
Preter	to have been

Participles.

Present	being
Pret. Act.	having been
Pret. pass.	been

The

The Declension of the Verb *to love*.

The Indicative Mood.

Present.

<i>Singular.</i>	<i>Plural.</i>
I love	We love
Thou lovest	Ye, or
He, or	You love
She loves	They love.

Imperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I loved	or did love	We loved	or did love
Thou lovedst		Ye, or	
He, or		You loved	
She loved		They loved	

Preterperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I have	loved	We have	loved
Thou hast		Ye, or	
He, or		You have	
She has		They have	

Preterpluperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I had		We had	
Thou hadst	loved	Ye, or	loved
He, or		You had	
She had		They have	

Future.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I shall		We shall	
Thou shalt	or will have	Ye, or	or will have
He, or		You shall	
She shall		They shall	

Imperative Mood.

Singular.

Love, or love thou
Let him, or her love.

Plural.

Let us love
Love ye, or you
Let them love.

The

The Potential Mood.

Present.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I may	or can love	We may	or can love
Thou mayest		Ye, or ..	
He, or		You may	
She may		They may	

Imperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I might	would could or should love	We might	would could or should love
Thou mightest		Ye, or	
He, or		You might	
She might		They might	

Preterperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I may	have loved	We may	have loved
Thou mayest		Ye, or	
He, or		You may	
She may		They may	

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Preterpluperfect.

Preterpluperfect.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I might	would could or should have loved	We might	would could or should have loved
Thou mightest		Ye, or	
He, or		You might	
She might		They might	

Future.

<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>	
I shall	or will have loved	We shall	or will have loved
Thou shalt		Ye, or	
He, or		You shall	
She shall		They shall	

The Infinitive Mood.

Present	to love
Preter	to have loved

Participles.

Present	loving
Pret. Act.	having loved
Pret. Pass.	loved.

All regular verbs form their imperfect Tense, and the passive participle by the addition of *ed*, or of the letter *d*, only if the verb ends in *e*.

EXAMPLE.

<i>Present Tense</i>		<i>Imperfect Tense</i>		<i>Passive Participle.</i>
Turn	☞	Turned	☞	Turned
Charm	☞	Charmed	☞	Charmed
Love	☞	Loved	☞	Loved
Call	☞	Called	☞	Called, &c.

Those verbs which do not end their imperfect tense and participle passive with *ed* or *d*; as, *above*, are called irregular verbs; of which follow some few examples.

Present

<i>Present Tense.</i>		<i>The Past or Imperfect Tense.</i>		<i>Passive Participle.</i>
Abide	✠	Abode	✠	Abode
Arise	✠	Arose	✠	Arisen
Awake	✠	Awoke	✠	Awaken
Bear	✠	Bore	✠	Born
Begin	✠	Began	✠	Begun
Bite	✠	Bit	✠	Bitten
Chide	✠	Chid	✠	Chidden
Crow	✠	Crew	✠	Crowed
Cleave	✠	Clove	✠	Cloven
Dye	✠	Died	✠	Dead
Dig	✠	Dug	✠	Digged
Drink	✠	Drank	✠	Drunk
Rise	✠	Rose	✠	Risen
Write	✠	Wrote	✠	Written
Am	✠	Was	✠	Been
Have	✠	Had	✠	Had

The word *must*, is an imperfect verb; it means to be obliged, and is always used before a verb; it is used by all the persons and tenses, and implies necessity. Example, I *must* go; thou *must* not go; he *must* be here, &c.

The

The verb *ought* signifies duty; as, I *ought* to behave well. It never admits another verb immediately after, without the preposition *to*. Example, We *ought* not to walk; you *ought* to sing when you are desired.

Of Participles.

A Participle is that part of speech formed of, or derived from a verb; and signifies being; as, sitting at work; doing; as, writing a letter; and suffering; as, oppressed with grief.

There are two Participles, viz. the Active and the Passive Participles.

The Active Participle has always *ing* added to the verb itself. Example, from the verb to walk, to love, and to burn, &c. come the active participle, *walking*, *loving*, and *burning*.

The passive participle, in all regular verbs, is no other than the verb with the addition of the letter *d* or syllable *ed*, at the end of it; as, *loved*, or *burned*.

The active participle is sometimes
made

made use of as a substantive. Example, A good *understanding*, or an excellent piece of writing.

When a Participle has no respect to time, or when it is a comparison, it then becomes an adjective; as, a *pacing* horse, a *charming* girl, a *learned* man, or *more learned* men.

OF ADVERBS.

An Adverb is a part of speech which expresses some circumstance or quality of its action or signification, and is joined sometimes to a verb, sometimes to an adjective, sometimes to a participle, and sometimes to another verb.

An adverb joined to a verb, the boy reads *well*.

Adverbs joined to an adjective end in *ly*; as, she is *truly* good.

Adverbs joined to a participle, he is a man *sincerely* striving to do his duty.

Adverbs joined to another adverb, he writes very *correctly*.

There are many more adverbs, as follow : *Adverbs*

ADVERBS OF TIME.

Now	After to-morrow
At present	Formerly
By and by	Antiently
Presently	Of old
Forthwith	Daily
Before	Most times
Lately	Already
Newly	Yet
Not long since	Not yet
Hereafter	Late
Henceforth	Too late
For the future	Betimes
Shortly	Early
Always	Again
Never	When
For ever	Continually
Often	Eternally
Seldom	Now and then
Incessantly	Sometimes
To day	Then
Yesterday	Since
Yesterday morning	As yet
To-morrow	

ADVERBS

ADVEBS OF PLACE.

Here	Down
There	Above
On this side	Below
On that side	Over
This way	Under
Within	Before
Without	Behind
Here within	From whence
Where	From hence
Up and down	From thence
Every where	From what place
Nowhere	N a
Somewhere	Hard by
Elsewhere	Far off
On every side	Thence
Round about	Farther.
Up	

ADVERBS OF NUMBER.

Once	Seldom
Twice	Often
Thrice	More
Rarely	Frequently

ADVERBS

ADVERBS OF QUANTITY.

How much	✠	At least
Enough	✠	Far less
Too much	✠	Almost
More	✠	But little
Less	✠	Very near
Thoroughly	✠	By halves
So much	✠	Quite
As much	✠	Entirely
Very	✠	

ADVERBS OF ORDER.

First	✠	Afterwards
Second	✠	At last
Third	✠	Round
Fourth, &c.	✠	Together
Before all	✠	In order
After, all	✠	Orderly
By turns	✠	

Adverbs of Affirmation.

Yes	✠	Indeed
Yea	✠	Truly
Verily	✠	Certainly
Affuredly	✠	Undoubtedly

Adverbs

Adverbs of Negation.

Nay	✠	In no wise
No	✠	Not at all.
Not	✠	

Adverbs of Comparison.

Hardly	✠	How much
As	✠	Often
Very	✠	Oftenest
Almost	✠	More
Scarcely	✠	Nigh
So	✠	Sooner
Little	✠	Least of all
Less	✠	Exceedingly
Well	✠	Alike
Differently	✠	Soonest

Adverbs of Interrogation.

How	✠	Wherefore
Whereby	✠	Why
Wherewith	✠	Where
When	✠	

Adverbs

Adverbs of Doubting.

Perhaps	Y Possibly
By chance	Y Haply
Peradventure	Y

Of Conjunctions.

A CONJUNCTION is a part of speech or particle, so called from its connecting or joining words or sentences together, so as out of two or more words you may make one sentence. Example, You *and* I, *and* my brother sailed up the river, is one sentence made by the conjunction *and*, being twice repeated.

The principal Conjunctions are as follow:

Again	Y And
Also	Y As
Albeit	Y Because
Although	Y Both
But	Y Or
Either	Y Otherwise
Else	Y Since

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Except

Except	So
For	That
However	Then
If	Thereupon
Left	Therefore
Likewise	Though
Moreover	Unless
Neither	Whereas
Nevertheless	Whereupon
Notwithstanding	Whether
Nor	Yet

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Of Prepositions.

A PREPOSITION is that part of speech set before nouns or pronouns, and shews the relation that one word has to another. Example, John went *to* church ; my sister came *from* school, *before* my brother.

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The principal Prepositions are as follow :

Above	{ Beneath	} Within
About	} Beside	} Out
After	} Between	} On
Against	} Beyond	} Over
Among	} By	} Through
Amongst	} For	} To
At	} From	} Towards
Before	} In	} Upon
Behind	} Into	} Unto
Below	} Of	} Without
With		

Of interjections.

AN INTERJECTION is a word that expresses some sudden motion of the mind, transported with the sensation of pleasure or pain; as, *alas! oh! hush!* and is usually followed by a note of admiration.

SYNTAX.

Except	So
For	That
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Grammatical Praxis the First.

Now	a conjunction	
were	auxiliary verb to be	
we	personal pronoun	
to	sign of the infinitive mood	
look	regular verb	
into	preposition	
the	definitive article	
world	a substantive	
we	personal pronoun	
should	sign of the potential mood	
find	irregular verb	
that	conjunction	
enmities	substantive plural	
seldom	Adverb of time	
arise	irregular verb	from

from	preposition
deliberate	adjective
reflection,	a substantive
but	a conjunction
too	a conjunction
often	an adverb of time
alas !	an interjection
from	a preposition
the	a definite article
most	an adverb of comparison
trifling	an adjective
incidents.	substantive plural
Man	substantive masculine
is	auxiliary verb to be
naturally	an adverb of quality
impatient ;	an adjective
so	an adverb of comparison
that	a conjunction
forgetting	an active participle
himself	a reciprocal pronoun
in	a preposition
the	a definite article
first	an adjective
moment,	a substantive plural
he	personal pronoun
is	auxiliary verb to be
	fired

fire	passive participle
at	a preposition
a	indefinitive article
trifle;	substantive common
which,	relative pronoun
had	auxiliary verb to have
he	personal pronoun
disregarded,	verb neuter
would have	sign of the pluperfect potential
died	regular verb
away	an adverb
of	a preposition
itself.	reciprocal pronoun

Grammatical Praxis the Second.

While	an adverb of time
many	an adjective
errors	noun substantive
draw	verb active
mankind	noun substantive
astray	an adverb
from	a preposition
truth's	a noun substantive
sure	an adjective
path,	noun substantive

each

each	an adjective of number
takes	verb active
his	a possessive pronoun
devious	adjective
way ;	a substantive
one	an adjective of number
to	a preposition
the	definite article
right,	an adjective
one	adjective of number
to	a preposition
the	a definite article
left	an adjective
recedes,	a regular verb
alike	an adverb of comparison
deluded,	a passive participle
as	a conjunction
each	an adjective of number
fancy	a substantive
leads.	verb active.

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